

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 8 to 19 are pending in the present application. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

II. Rejection of Claims 8 to 14 and 16 to 18 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 8 to 14 and 16 to 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over the combination of U.S. Patent No. 5,949,492 ("Mankovitz") and U.S. Patent No. 5,872,926 ("Levac et al."). Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of Mankovitz and Levac et al. does not render unpatentable the present claims as amended herein for at least the following reasons.

Claims 8 and 17 relate to methods for transmitting information between an infrastructure and data users, the data users including terminal devices in a motor vehicle. Claims 8 and 17 have been amended herein without prejudice to recite that the terminal devices have different data processing capabilities and that the method includes adapting data from a data service in a standardized format to the different data processing capabilities of the terminal devices. The data is adapted via interfaces situated in the infrastructure.

Claims 11, 16 and 18 relate to devices for transmitting information between an infrastructure and data users. Claims 11, 16 and 18 have been amended herein without prejudice in a manner analogous to amendments made to claims 8 and 17.

According to the present application, terminals of data users may include different technical equipment, e.g., a large display, a small display, a speech output device, etc. Data from a data service has to be adapted to the different terminals so that the data may be, e.g., displayed, on all terminals. Thus, interfaces are provided to adapt the data, and these interfaces are located in the infrastructure.

According to Mankovitz, a system includes an infrastructure with a station as a data source. While a central processor station may be part of an infrastructure, Mankovitz does not disclose, or even suggest, that receivers have different data processing capabilities within the present context. Col. 7, lines 35 to

46, cited in the Office Action, indicate that the receivers have standard equipment, i.e., all receivers are the same, having the same data processing capabilities. If a user would like to have additional information to information receiver, the user presses a button and the receiver stores station, time and day. This information is sent together with a user tag to the central processor station where the additional information is retrieved and transmitted to the receivers. No information about data processing capabilities is sent to the central processor station. Accordingly, there are no interfaces located in an infrastructure for adapting data sent to terminals having different data processing capabilities.

Levac et al. describe a communication system in which communication devices operating with difference message formats (protocols) may communicate. In a message source, a message is generated and sent to a message server, which routes the message to its destination. Protocol converters analyze the message and determine the type of message format used by the destination. The message is then converted to the format compatible with the selected destination. Afterward, the converted message is sent to the destination. The conversion of an incoming message with respect to a destination relates to the communication protocol used in the destination and not data processing capabilities of the device itself. Levac et al. only refer to different message formats, not to data processing capabilities of receiving devices within the present context.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the combination of Mankovitz and Levac et al. does not render unpatentable claims 8, 11 or 16 to 18.

As regards claims 9 and 10, which depend from claim 8, and claims 12 to 14, which depend from claim 11, it is respectfully submitted that the combination of Mankovitz and Levac et al. does not render unpatentable these dependent claims for at least the same reasons more fully set forth above.

In view of all of the foregoing, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

III. Rejection of Claim 15 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over the combination of Mankovitz, Levac et al. and U.S. Patent No. 5,699,255 ("Ellis et al."). Applicants respectfully submit that the combination of Mankovitz, Levac et al.

and Ellis et al. does not render unpatentable claim 15 as amended herein for at least the following reasons.

Claim 15 relates to a method for transmitting information between an infrastructure and data users. Claim 15 has been amended herein without prejudice in a manner analogous to the amendments made to claims 8 and 17. As more fully set forth above, the combination of Mankovitz and Levac et al. does not disclose, or even suggest, all of the features recited in claims 8 and 17. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the combination of Mankovitz and Levac et al. does not disclose, or even suggest, all of the features recited in claim 15. Ellis et al. are not relied upon for disclosing or suggesting the features of claim 15 not disclosed or suggested by the combination of Mankovitz and Levac et al. Indeed, it is respectfully submitted that Ellis et al. do not disclose, or even suggest, the features of claim 15 not disclosed or suggested by the combination of Mankovitz and Levac et al. it is therefore respectfully submitted that the combination of Mankovitz, Levac et al. and Ellis et al. does not render unpatentable claim 15.

In view of all of the foregoing, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

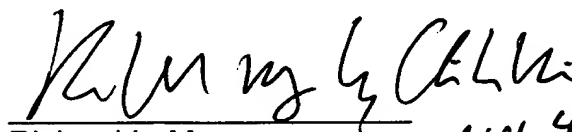
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